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**AMENDMENT****Amendments to the Specification**

In the specification, please amend page 8, the second full paragraph, as follows:

The membrane 4, in the unstressed, closed position illustrated in Fig. 1, has an inwardly curved conical shape and four valve openings 5 provided in its jacket surface along a circular line (cf. also Figs. 4 and 8). Following the membrane 4 ~~[[5]]~~, a latch groove 6 is provided in the interior of the drinking mouthpiece 1 to receive a membrane supporting element 7. The membrane supporting element 7 is designed in a substantially plate-shaped manner and provided with an upper valve seat surface 8 that is inwardly curved in accordance with the conical shape of the membrane 4.